In the Matter of the Petition

of

CHARLES CRAMES

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Unincorporated Business: Taxes under Article(x) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(x) 1965:

State of New York County of Albany

JANET MACK

, being duly sworn, deposes and says that

she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 20thday of May , 1975, she served the within Notice of Decision (xxxDetxxxination) by (certified) mail upon Charles Crames

(representative of the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. Charles Crames
71 Stevenson Street
Lynbrook, New York 11563

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative xxf) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

20th day of May

1975.

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127-12 Cronston Avenue

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Belle Harbor, New York

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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

BATED:

Albany, New York

May 20, 1975

Mr. Charles Crames 71 Stevenson Street Lynbrook, New York 11563

Dear Mr. Crames:

Please take notice of the **DECISION** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section(s) 722 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 months from the date of this notice.

Any inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relative hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours,

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Migel G. Wright HEARING OFFICER

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cc: Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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CHARLES CRAMES

DECISION

for a Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Year 1965.

Charles Crames, 71 Stevenson Street, Lynbrook, New York 11563, filed a petition for the redetermination of a deficiency in unincorporated business tax for the year 1965 under Article 23 of the Tax Law. (File No. 46023881.)

Said deficiency was asserted by a notice dated November 24, 1969, and is in the amount of \$728.29 plus interest of \$157.65 for a total of \$885.94.

A hearing was duly held on November 18, 1974, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, before Nigel G. Wright, Hearing Officer. The petitioner was represented by Bernard H. Romanoff, C.P.A. of Nassau County. The Income Tax Bureau was represented by Saul Heckelman, Esq. appearing by Alexander Weiss, Esq.

The record of said hearing has been duly examined and considered.

ISSUE

The issue in this case is whether petitioner, an outside salesman, is an independent contractor and so subject to the unincorporated business tax.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner in 1965 was an outside salesman representing Wonderknit Corp. located at 112 West 34 Street, New York City, and with a mill in Galax, Virginia. Wonderknit manufactures sweaters.
- 2. Petitioner sold in a territory covering New York State, Ohio and Pennsylvania. He traveled about eight months of each year. He used his own car on these trips. His customers were department stores and specialty shops.
- 3. Petitioner was paid on a straight commission basis with no guaranty. He paid his own traveling expenses which amounted to about 40% of his receipts and was not reimbursed for said expenses.
- 4. Petitioner's compensation was paid to him without withholding of taxes or social security. He paid estimated taxes and self-employment taxes. Although he was covered by health insurance and a group life insurance policy, there is no evidence that these were restricted to employees. He was not covered for workmen's compensation or for unemployment insurance.

- 5. Petitioner, when he was not traveling, would report to the New York City showroom of Wonderknit and answer customer inquiries and take orders. At times he would travel to the company's mill, at their expense, to aid in the design of new fabrics.
- 6. Petitioner's agreement with Wonderknit leaves him the right to represent other lines. However, Wonderknit claims that if he did so then petitioner's territory would probably have to be reduced to insure adequate coverage.
- 7. Petitioner maintained a room in his house where he had a desk and did paper work in connection with his sales work.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The petitioner is an independent contractor. He is subject to tax.

The deficiency is correct and is found to be due together with such interest as shall be computed under section 684 of the Tax Law.

DATED: Albany, New York

May 20, 1975

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